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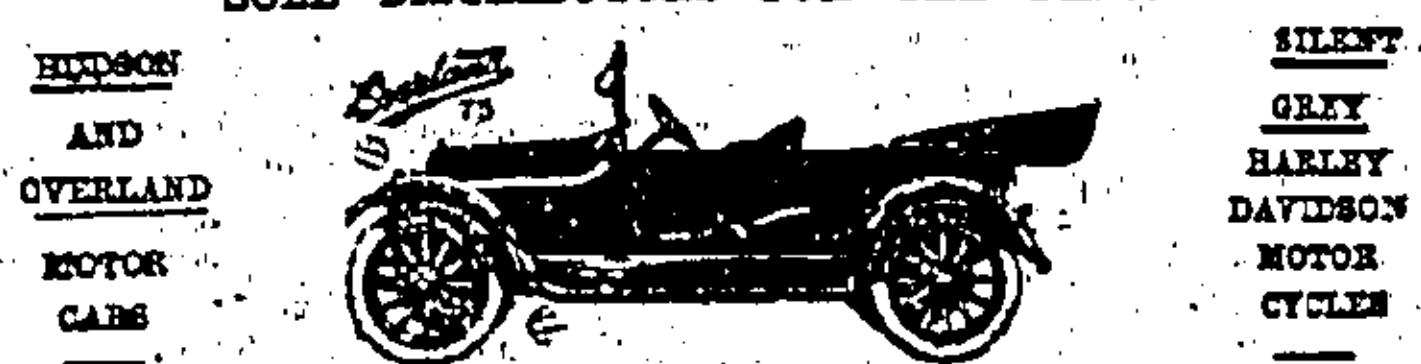
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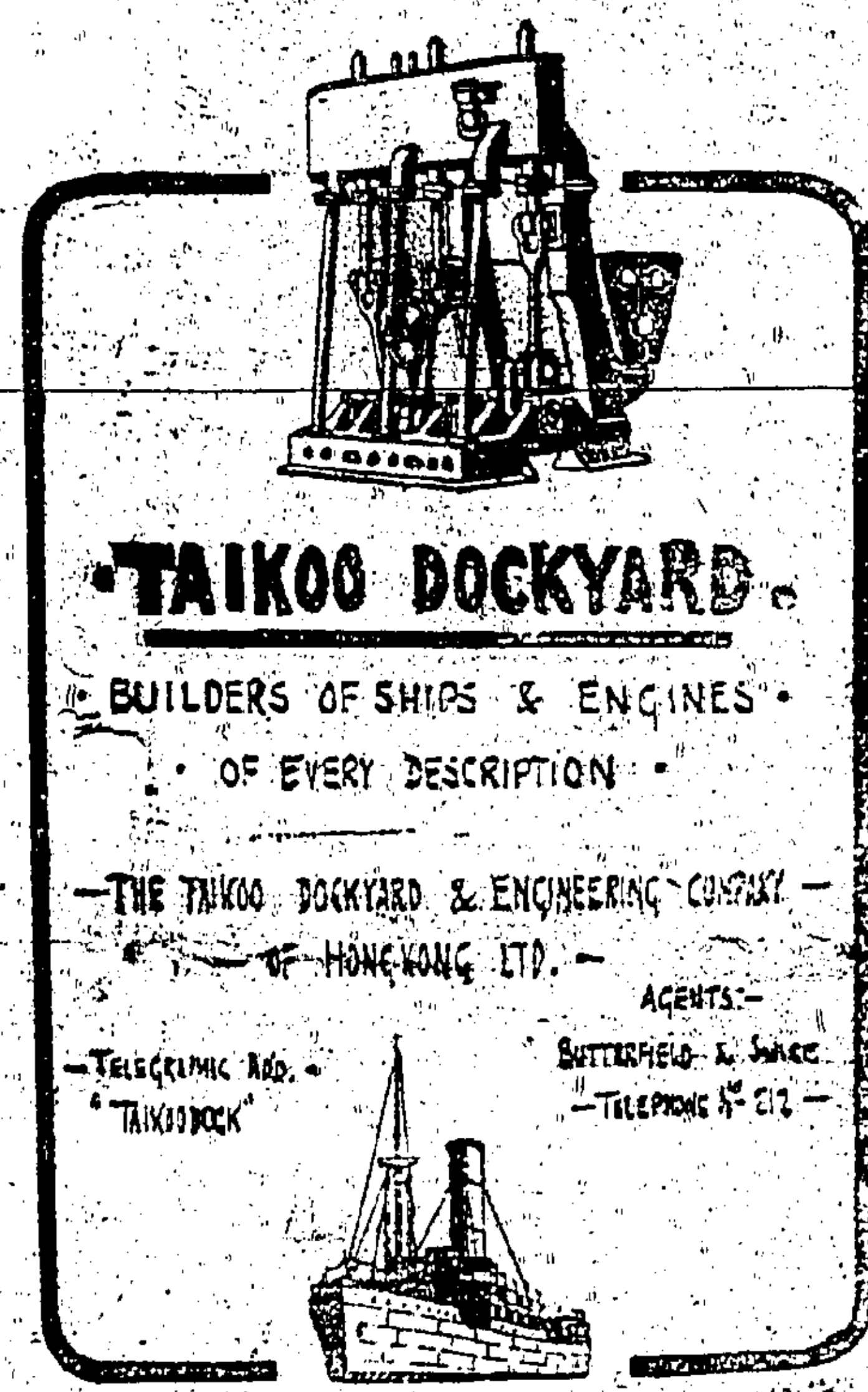
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THE WAR.
TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LOCAL FIGHTING NEAR LA VACQUERIE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was local fighting in the neighbourhood of La Vacquerie, but the situation is unchanged.

Our artillery and infantry fire repulsed minor attacks to the south of Bourlon Wood, with severe enemy losses.

The hostile artillery was active at a number of points, to the south of the Scarpe, and also in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The infantry action on the Cambrai Front, during the night, was confined to patrol encounters.

There was increased hostile artillery activity astride the Scarpe river.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A German official message states:—

We cleared out the English from Marcbing.

VIEWS ON THE WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Mr. Perry Robinson, a Correspondent at Headquarters, states that we have surrendered nothing vital of our gains and the breach in the Hindenburg Line remains as wide as it was.

Bourlon Wood, an acute angle in the salient, was a loathsome place, full of stagnant pools and corpses and continuously drenched with gas, until the garrison had almost to live in gas masks. The hill on which the wood is situated in no way commands the country on our side, as it does the country beyond. It is essential to us for an advance, and its loss might be serious to the Germans; but in their hands it is unimportant as a threat to us. The withdrawal in no way begins to convert our victory into a defeat, and the German attempts to inflict that defeat has resulted, chiefly, in colossal losses to themselves.

Mr. Percival Phillips, another Correspondent at Headquarters, says the shortening of our front is regrettable, but minor sequel to our great advance, but our net gains are still very great and we have still the Hindenburg system at our back. The withdrawal was most deliberate.

Not a single gun, rifle or round of ammunition was lost, and all the captured German guns were withdrawn. Our new trenches were prepared during night time and were concealed from observation. The new front is very strong, and the men are excellently quartered.

Reuter's Correspondent says:—

Bourlon Wood extends over 600 acres. Its topographical conditions render it extremely undesirable to attempt to hold it in wet weather, apart from the fact that it forms an enclave into the enemy territory and is subject to enfilade as well as direct fire.

That the enemy did not know of our withdrawal till the morning seems to be proved by the fact that, during the night, they were laying heavy batteries upon the abandoned positions. Their infantry advanced in the morning in large bodies but were repelled by our gunners and great losses were inflicted. The area we deemed it militarily advisable to abandon is probably less than one-third of the total amount gained during the great Tank drive, a fortnight ago.

THE POSITION ON THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Times Correspondent at the Rumanian Headquarters, telegraphing on December 2, says he has returned from a visit to the Rumanian army in Rumania. The committees are formed mostly of pro-Germans who got hold of the majority of the rank and file in the towns near the front, which were overcrowded with soldiers from the trenches and who were listening to inflammatory speeches. One Division of the Sixth Army signed an armistice and the Division next to it fled on the German General and his Staff who came to discuss terms.

The army in Moldavia and Bukovina interned with the Germans and the Russian and German officers died together yesterday.

The Bolsheviks are gaining the upper hand on the whole front and General Bogdanov, commanding the Fourth Army, has been arrested.

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THE WORK OF THE AVIATORS.

A RAID IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—

There was great activity in the air on both sides, on Wednesday.

We carried out long-distance reconnaissance and dropped bombs and machine-gunned ground targets, during the day.

We bombed Gontrode aerodrome last night, and two direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained on an aeroplane shed. Other bombs burst among the buildings around the aerodrome. Bombs were also dropped on St. Denis Western Aerodrome and Douai railway station.

There was air fighting all day long. Five German machines were brought down and five were driven down.

Five of our machines are missing. Another successful raid was carried out in Gerthau, to-day, all the machines returning safely. Details are awaited.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft, on Wednesday and Thursday, bombed Uytendaele, St. Denis Westerm, and Engel aerodromes; Bruges Dock and various railway traffic, causing fires.

All our machines returned safely. During the fighting by the patrols, we destroyed two machines and shot down four, of which three were probably destroyed.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

AVIATION ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A French communiqué states:—

The artillery activity was lively on the right of the Meuse and in Upper Alsace.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down, yesterday, and eight were hit and forced to descend.

We dropped 9,000 kilograms of projectiles, especially on railway stations and depots at Lichtenfeld and Courtemarch and on cantonments at Laon and depots at Roussart.

The enemy dropped bombs during the night, on Dunkirk, causing several casualties. He also dropped bombs on Calais but there were no casualties there.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.

The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in submitting a resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary, said, amid cheers, that President Wilson would ask Congress to declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria later, if he deemed it expedient, but he thought such action at present would not be wise.

The House agreed to take up the resolution on Friday, probably for its immediate passage.

The Report of the Committee, which accompanies the resolution, recalls the acts of the Austrian naval forces which have caused a state of war to exist for many months, and refers to the Italian situation, where, it says, a serious blow against Italy threatens the Allies' cause, which is equally the cause of the United States. It also states that the United States is sending ships, money and supplies to Italy and probably will send troops. The report concludes: "This declaration of war will hearten the Italian people who have been misled by German propaganda and will militarily strengthen the whole of the Allied cause."

GERMAN CONSPIRACY TO FOMENT REVOLUTION IN INDIA.

A PLEA OF GUILTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.

A German named von Brinken, formerly connected with the German Consulate here, had been charged with a charge of conspiracy to foment a revolution in India.

Von Brinken said they thought, by pleading guilty, they would best serve the interest of their country, by avoiding further exposures in the Court, adding "the less said about these cases, the better for Germany."

WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA TO BE ORGANISED.

SYDNEY, Dec. 7.

Mr. Hughes addressed a stirring appeal to an enormous and enthusiastic audience of women at Her Majesty's Theatre, stating that he intended to organise the women of Australia with a view to freeing the men.

THE FRANCHISE IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7.

The Federal Government has now authorised men under 21 years of age who have enlisted to vote in the Referendum, although they may not have yet served abroad.

BOXERS AND THE WAR.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7.

Jimmy Clabby, the well known boxer, has enlisted and advises all American boxers in Australia to do likewise.

MADAME MELBA'S POLITICAL SYMPATHIES.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7.

Madame Melba has enlisted from America, appealing to the women of Australia to vote for the Government.

A MARK OF PROTEST AGAINST THE LANDSDOWNE LETTER.

SYDNEY, Dec. 7.

Mr. Hope, a solicitor of Ipsch, has presented his second Malayan battle-plate, as a mark of protest against Lord Lansdowne's letter.

It is said that Germany is calling up fresh classes further and further in advance of the proper date. The 1919 class has already yielded prisoners. Conscription at present rate means that boys of 16 will be fighting by Christmas 1918. The German increasing difficulty in filling up their divisions is the cardinal fact of the war.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH WITHDRAWAL AROUND CAMBRIJ. EXPLAINED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, in explaining General Sir Julian Byng's withdrawal around Cambrai, says that we have fallen back deliberately and successfully upon a well-chosen line which rules out the salient made by Bourlon Wood, and which should enable us to maintain our hold upon the captured length of the Hindenburg Line against whatever pressure the Germans may apply in order to recover this loss. Bourlon Wood certainly possessed certain advantages as an observation post, but such advantages may prove very much too costly to retain unless they are immediately utilisable. Phenomenally fine weather prevails, but it may change any day, thus finally breaking up the campaigning season.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A German official report states: "We stormed trenches southward and south-westward of Moeuvres."

We pressed forward over the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The enemy evacuated forward positions between Moeuvres and Maroing, withdrawing to the heights northward and eastward of Flesquières.

We captured Graincourt, Auneux, Contain and Noyelles, and the heights northward of Maroing, penetrating four kilometres on a front of ten kilometres. The retreating enemy set fire to villages.

Our prisoners are now 9,000, guns 148, and machine-guns 716.

HEAVY ATTACKS REPULSED BY THE ITALIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

An Italian official report states: "The enemy, after the failure of a frontal attack, attempted to carry from the rear with crushing numerical preponderance the Melette strong point."

We resisted stubbornly, constantly counterattacking, and only yielded ground when reinforcements garrisoned the red-line defence.

We repulsed heavily a powerful attempt in the Upper Brenta Valley.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A German official report states: "The Austro-Hungarians stormed and maintained strong Italian positions at Melette, capturing 11,000 prisoners and sixty guns."

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7.

Speaking before the Hungarian Delegation, Count Czernin fore-shadowed a re-arrangement of Austro-German economic relations as a counterblast to the Entente measures.

Count Czernin disclaimed any desire to forcibly acquire territorial extensions, and he expressed the wish to conclude a general just and honourable peace, safeguarding the Monarchy's territorial integrity, and free political and economic development.

RUSSIA.

CAUCASIANS ANTI-MAXIMALIST.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6.

The Russian Legation has received a telegram from the Russian Legation at Tehran stating that the Administration and Supreme Military Command in the Caucasus are anti-Maximalist. A Caucasian Delegation has arrived at Tehran in order to negotiate financial assistance for a continuance of the war through the Russian and British Legations.

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A German official report states: "The Central Powers and Russia have agreed to a suspension of hostilities between the 7th and 17th inst."

DISFRANCHISEMENT OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The House of Commons adopted the Bill, Hon. Sir G. Cave's proposal to disfranchise conscientious objectors, during the war; but the period of disfranchisement after the war was reduced from seven to five years.

MUST NOT MARRY GERMANS.

CLERGYMAN SAYS IT IS TOO AWFUL TO CONTEMPLATE.

Notwithstanding the campaign for the alienation of Germans after the war, said the Rev. Harry Laurence Warner, Rector of Forley, Malvern, in his harvest festival address at Forley, might play a large part in reuniting them with the English. The terms of peace given or accepted must not be an insult to those who had died for their country's freedom and honour. "I am sure," he continued, "that another thing which would grieve them would be any matrimonial alliances between our country and that of the enemy in the future. It would be a disgrace to the women-kind to increase the population of such a country, to lavish their affections on offspring who almost from birth would be taught to hate England."

For an Englishman to marry a Hun would be to import a spy into the land, and for an English woman to marry a Hun would be to become the mother of future Hunks. It is something to which I hardly like to contemplate such a thing as possible."

CANTON LOCAL RED CROSS WORKERS.

The following is a report of shipments made to Egypt by the Canton Local Red Cross Workers, during October and November.

Through the kind generosity of Shamsen and Canton friends, numerous Christmas gifts for the wounded were included in the cases.

On October 10th: One Case to Colonel Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., Cairo, containing the following:— 4 doz. surgical masks, 7 eye bandages, 6 roller bandages, 40 T. bandages, 18 many-tailed bandages, 66 triangular bandages, 1 vest, 1 surgical coat, 2 bell jackets, 11 shirts, 18 ward cloths, 10 tray cloths, 1 pair pyjamas, 5 kimonoes, 18 pairs of socks, 1 Japanese fly catcher, 11 pairs of braces, 10 collars, books and magazines.

On November 23rd: Cases to Colonel Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., Cairo, containing the following:— 32 shirts, 18 pyjamas, 6 bed jackets, 25 pairs of socks, 5 pairs surgical stockings, 10 surgical masks, 8 surgical caps, 24 triangular bandages, 48 many-tailed bandages, 71 T. bandages, 22 eye bandages, 142 flasks and white handkerchiefs, 10 knitted woolen caps, 1 knitted helmet, 1 pair knee-caps, 1 floor cloth, 2 pillow cases, 1 dressing gown, 22 cigarettes cases, 34 pipes, 12 tobacco pouches, 4 cigar cases, 12 cigarettes holders, 10 packets Raven cigarettes, 600 Size Hee cigarettes, 20 tins Raven cigarettes, 400 Salva cigarettes, 1,000 Capstan cigarettes, 600 Reina Victoria cigars, 200 Minerva cigars, 7 large tins Capstan Navy Cut tobacco, 48 tins Raven cigarettes, 5 tins Capstan cigarettes, 4 tins Embassy cigarettes, 8 tins Glasgow cigarettes, 5 lbs. Bull-Durham tobacco, 60 lbs. sugar, 6 doz. tins chocolate and milk, 6 boxes preserved ginger, 4 boxes biscuits, 10 bottles sweets, 11 tins U. All No. 1 mints, 2 tins Cadbury's chocolates, 84 cakes soap, 5 metal soap boxes and soap, 7 packets Life-Buoy's soap, 29 tubes tooth paste, 17 tins shaving soap, 12 shaving brushes, 41 tooth brushes, 61 metal combs, 8 tins boot polish, 3 leather belts, 1 mouth organ, 68 new packs Rambler cards and 12 used packs of cards.

On November 24th: One Case to the Matron, 36th Stationary Hospital, Mohammediyah, Sinai Peninsula:— 5 new flannel shirts, 5 old cellular shirts, 5 white duck trousers, short, 6 white duck trousers long, 6 white duck coats, 3 shrouds, 8 eye bandages, 17 hospital coats, 1 piercer suit, 1 bundle old linen, 1 lot old towels, 8 cellular singlets, 2 after-noon tea-cloths, 2 pairs mosquito proof stockings, 6 thin-coats (white alpaca), 3 thin waistcoats, 0 flannel shirts, 4 pairs flannel trousers, 4 pairs flannel bandages, 5 cholera belts, 1 pair khaki putties, large quantity socks, black and white, thick and thin, 14 pairs boots and shoes, 5 bottles sweets, 2 tins chocolates, 1 box cigars, 20 packs of cards, 21 tins cigarettes, 1 box counters, 3 bottles sweets, 2 tins Cadbury's chocolates, 2 tins jam and 2 tins cigarettes.

The following letters of grateful acknowledgment have been received:— Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

Friary Court, St. James's Palace, S.W., 9th July, 17.

Dear Madam, I am commanded by Her Majesty to convey to you the expression of her high appreciation of your generosity, and to thank you for the splendid gift which you have been so good as to send to the Q.M.N.G.—Yours faithfully, (Signed) ANNIE LAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Sec. Canton Red Cross Workers, Shamsen, Canton.

British Red Cross and Order of St. John, 36, Stationary Hosp., Mohammediyah, E.E.F., July 9, 1917.

Dear Madam, We have received two cases of supplies for our patients from the Canton L.R.C. workers, with which we are delighted.

You send us such extremely nice things, and so many that we never get from any where else.

May I especially mention the threads, they are such nice ones, and so useful where one cannot procure collars always. I am thankful to say we have had very few deaths, but we have had up a nice little mortality with purp's fittings and now that we have these nice shrouds it will help to make it more reverent and impressive.

Needless to say the sweets and smokes were much appreciated. We are right in the desert for out of reach of shops and so every thing is doubly valued.

NIPPON YUSEN RAISHA.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR PAST HALF-YEAR.

The regular general meeting of shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was held at the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce building recently to receive the report and accounts for the second half of the present year, namely from April 1st to September 30th.

The following is the business report of the Company for the term, as translated by the Japan Gazette:— During the period under review the Company employed 101 vessels of its own, aggregating over 44,000 tons, both in the domestic and foreign services, and upwards of twenty chartered vessels. The cargo carried amounted to over 2,850,000 tons, and the passengers numbered over 132,000. The distance covered, by these steamers totalled 2,816,000 nautical miles.

The Company's Service—Owing to the activity in commercial and industrial circles, and to the scarcity of vessels, the business of the Company on the coasting service was active. Especially was this the case between the Hokkaido and the Main Island, and between Formosa and the Main Island. The passengers showed an increase to certain ports in the Hokkaido and Formosa. The services to places near Japanese waters continued as busy as during the previous term.

In North and South China there was a brisk demand for Japanese mail and express, with the result that, on the outgoing voyages, the vessels always carried full cargoes. The steady rise in the price of silver on the Chinese market having stimulated Japan's export trade.

On the return voyages shipments were comparatively brisk notwithstanding the disastrous floods in Tientsin and neighbourhood, towards the close of the term, and the effects of the remarkable advance in silver. On the Vladivostok route the shipments from Japan showed a decrease, and also the transshipments of goods from Europe and India, while on the return voy-ages shipments were equally small. On the Korean and Tientsin routes there was an improvement on the previous term. The passengers generally increased on all the routes.

European Service.—On the outgoing voyages there were large shipments from Japan, showing a remarkable increase in the shipment of heavy goods. In addition to the regular liners, the Company employed twelve chartered vessels. For the shipments from Japan the regular liners had to reserve half their space, and the additional chartered vessels nearly the whole. Shipments from intermediate ports west of Shanghai were consequently small. On the homeward voyages shipments from England were comparatively small. In Singapore and the Transvaal, however, there was a slight increase.

The chartered vessels, on their return voyage from England, called at New York and steamed back via Panama Canal. From New York there were large shipments for the Far East. Passengers on the regular liners generally increased. Since April last a change was introduced, and both on the outgoing and homeward voyages the regular liners, instead of proceeding to London and Middlesbrough, were allowed to call at Liverpool. The regular liners Bushini Maru and Katori Maru, 10,000 tons each, were, with the permission of the Tokyo authorities, transferred from the European to the American service in October. On May 31st this year the liner Miyazaki Maru was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel. The war-time insurance on the ill-fated liner was £2,000,000, which sum the Company received on September 8th.

American Service.—On account of the scarcity of foreign vessels on the service, shipments from Japan by the Company's liners showed a considerable increase, and consequently these had to reserve the greater portion of their space. The shipments were so unusually large that the Company had to place five chartered vessels on the service. On the return voyage shipments during the early part of the term under review were abundant, but towards the close these showed a considerable decline, due to the enforcement by the Washington Government of the embargo on fabrics and other articles. The passengers between America and China declined, but those between America and Japan increased.

New York Service.—On the outgoing voyages shipments from Oriental ports were considerable, and the Company had to reserve the greatest portion of its space. On the return voyages the goods consigned to Vladivostok were voluminous.

South American Service.—During the term under review two regular liners were used in carrying Japanese emigrants to South America, these having previously been carried on chartered vessels. On the outgoing voyages the liners called at Singapore and the Cape, whence they sailed for South America. For the convenience of exporters the liners on the homeward voyage called at New York, where they loaded full cargoes, returning home via Panama. A large number of Japanese emigrants were carried.

Australian Service.—On the outgoing voyages the liners carried full cargoes, because of the remarkable increase in the demand in Australia for Japanese articles. Besides the regular liners, five chartered vessels were employed. On the return voyages shipments were small on account of the embargo of wool. The liners had, therefore, to call at Manila, Hongkong and other intermediate ports to secure cargoes. In August a labour strike occurred in Australia, and this badly affected Japanese shipping. The passengers increased considerably. On the New Zealand route, which is a new line, shipments on the outgoing voyages were brisk but on the return voyages were less so.

Indian Service.—On the Bombay route shipments from Japan were numerous, as for the vessels on the route diminished considerably. In order to fill this gap in the shipping the Company placed five regular liners on the return voyage. These were brisk shipments of Indian goods.

The mail sent is used for two purposes: cool uniforms for sick officers, the old flannels for our convalescents and other payments for our "Pines" Concert Party, who give a weekly sketch in their programme.

I think that out here every thing finds some use. The cool pyjamas were gratefully received by the officers, and the dry clothes came in for their ward a top. With our best thanks—Sincerely yours, (Signed) D. MINAZAWA, C. MINAZAWA, Manager.

cotton, carried both by the regular and chartered vessels. Shipments of cotton to China and of cotton yarn fell off considerably, and there was a decline in the number of passengers. On the Calcutta route shipments were so numerous that in addition to the regular liners several chartered vessels were placed on the run, this being attributable to the steady growth of Japan's export trade to these countries. On the return voyages shipments were large. The passengers, however, fell off considerably.

General Business Conditions.—As a result of the scarcity of vessels and the consequent rise in the charterage, the Company made a larger profit than during the previous term. The net profit during the term amounted to Yen 28,341,000.

"SPURLOS VERSENKT."

ONLY SURVIVOR OF A BRITISH SHIP TELLS A MOVING STORY.

The German policy of "spurslos versenken" (sinking without leaving a trace) is exemplified by the story told by K. Higo, a Japanese, the only survivor from a British steamer recently torpedoed. The vessel carried a crew of 28 in all, and Higo saw his comrades and officers die before his eyes. He said: "When the torpedo struck us just by the engine room there was a terrific explosion, so warning whatever had been given to us, and we had no time to launch the boats."

"Being a pretty good swimmer I swam out to a bit of the wreckage about 20 yards from the vessel and held on. I saw my comrades about me struggling in the water, and one by one they went beneath the surface."

"Shortly after we were hit the submarine came to the surface, but though we called out to them to come to our aid, they watched us down like rats. When all had been drowned save myself the submarine came towards me and took me off. My impression is that they would have let me go down also, but they wanted to ascertain the name of the vessel."

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Dear William, at the club last night somebody asked me, which was right—your sister's husband's name, I mean, is it Constantine or Constanten?

As you now have them both in tow, I said I thought you're sure to know. Also, Does Sophie call him Con, and did he matriculate at Bonn?

I heard-to-day by Reuter's wire that fearful Ferdinand left Sofia. Though some may say with him in Gheenna, I suppose he's really in Vienna.

Oh, by the way, a friend of mine, who thinks a bit in his spare time, although I said you're sure to frown, asked me to jot this question down:

"Old Sultan—I forget his name. Would you think him much to blame if he ever fell into the phosphorous 'Deep, dark waters of the Bosphorus'?"

And a propos the Austrian boy, is "he" a source of pain or joy? We're all very anxious here to know. Whether he will or will not go.

I'm "so" afraid that at the feast you'll be the last, if not the least; And when the waiter brings the bill There'll be no one left to pay but Will.

So why not, while there's still time, "ra" And pretend to be a democrat; I know it's not much in your line But try it—best love, ever thine.

P. in "Bangkok Times."

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